

Please amend claim 17 as follows:

32 17. (Amended) The article as in claim 1, wherein at least one fiber of the plurality has a tensile breaking strength of less than about 10 g/Denier and said fiber is formed of a material selected from the group consisting of: polyamides; cellulosic materials; polyesters; acrylic polymers; and polyolefins.

Please amend claim 38 as follows:

33 38. (Amended) A method comprising the step of:
dyeing a fiber bundle formed of a plurality of substantially parallel laid fibers, at least about 5% of the plurality of fibers comprising high tenacity fibers having a tensile breaking strength of at least about 10g/Denier, with a fabric dye to form a dyed fiber bundle having an essentially visually uniform dye color density.

Please add new claim 74 as follows:

74. (New) An article as in claim 1, further comprising a second fiber bundle plied with said first fiber bundle as a plied yarn.

34 (Please add new claim 75 as follows:)

75. (New) An article as in claim 74, wherein said second fiber bundle is substantially similar in composition and construction to said first fiber bundle.

(Please add new claim 76 as follows:)

76. (New) An article as in claim 75, wherein said plied yarn is characterized by a secondary ply twist of at least about $\frac{1}{4}$ that of a primary twist of said first fiber bundle and said second fiber bundle.